

Thank you for reading my comments. Your time and this opportunity is greatly appreciated.

Ted Bundy in an interview with James Dobson said that every inmate he had ever talked to who had committed violent crime had begun with soft core pornography - without exception. T.V. programming that continually allows more and more sensuality and violence is directly related to the breeding of violent criminals in our society.

The v-chip technology is great, but if you surveyed the demography of people who put those sorts of blocks in voluntarily, same demography are probably the least likely to commit violent crime anyway. The demography of people who are prone to commit violent crime are less likely to take voluntary measures to reduce their own (or their children's) likelihood of committing violent crime. The rating system is voluntary, so it does not even cover every show! So it is a useful tool? Yes. Is it an effective tool? No. Clearly the burden will fall on the FCC and Congress to make wise decisions based on evidence and research to reduce the impact of desensitization to violence and sexual violence on children. Violence and sex on T.V. is bad for society - it is bad for everyone.

Michael Copps is correct when he said, "Hundreds of studies over decades document the harmful impact that exposure to graphic and excessive media violence has on the physical and mental health of our children," he said. "Wanton violence on the people's airwaves has gone unaddressed for too long."

The argument has been made that broadcast television is less violent than cable and satellite programming. Very true. However, this does not negate the responsibility to work on the problem. It does not negate the responsibility to set precedence. You obviously can not remove every violent source of media from society in one sweeping motion. You can however start and take one step at a time.

I look forward to the day when I can turn on the T.V. and not be appalled once again at what has been allowed to be aired.

Again, thank you very much for the opportunity to comment and allow my voice to be heard. This freedom is more valuable than we can realize.